Plockton & District Community Trust
Urras Coimhearsnachd Sgìre a'Phluic
Minute of Trustees' Meeting: 9 June 2026, 43 Harbour Street, Plockton

Present: Catherine Will , Mary Jane Campbell , Sandra Holmes , Bill Taylor

1. Apologies

David Skilling, Alexander Mackenzie, Kyla Orr

2. Conflicts of Interest

None noted.

3. Actions / Matters Arising

It was agreed that the Trust should investigate the provision of a bilingual sign on the Old PO and research whether or not a grant might be available for the erection of such a sign. Mary Jane would enquire and report back.

Alexander had been unable to progress the matter of a risk assessment and user protocol for the Paddock for some time . After discussion it was agreed that Catherine would pursue the matter and report to the next meeting. The Board noted with some disquiet that the Kyle Scouts had made use of the Paddock permission having been given by David and Alexander.It was agreed that such ad hoc approvals should not happen in future and that a proper scheme should be devised indicating how approval should be processed and settling the obligations which would require to be undertaken by any user such as insurance provision.

Progress on developing a risk assessment and user protocol for the Paddock has been delayed for some time. Following discussion, it was agreed that the matter would be prioritised and a report presented at the next meeting. Requests to use the paddock should be considered through an agreed procedure and that a clear framework should be developed to set out the approval process and the responsibilities of users, including appropriate insurance arrangements where required.

4. Membership

No new memberships since last meeting.

5. Correspondence

Bill indicated that he had been contacted by the group who were getting together to discuss the proposals for the developments at Kishorn . A group was being convened to provide a forum for local people to make a major input to the planned developments at Kishorn at an early stage in the process before major contracts are opened for tender by the government.

The project envisaged would involve expenditure of hundreds of millions of pounds and would involve the creation of thousands of jobs. Plainly the proposed developments would have a considerable effect on the whole area of south-west Ross and it was welcome news that local Trusts and Community Councils would be at the centre of the consultative process. The inaugural meeting would be on Tuesday 24th June in Lochcarron at 6.30. The Board agreed that the project should be enthusiastically supported and authorised Bill to attend the first meeting and report back.

6. Traffic & Tourism Master Plan

Sandra reported on the up to date position and gave the Board glimpses of various very helpful maps which had been put together by the consultants This will require articulation and in due course would require to be put before a Public / Members meeting

Sandra was again thanked for the energy with which she was dealing with this matter on the Board's behalf.

7. Short Term Let Control Area

It was agreed that Trust members should make their own individual responses and that a Trust response would also be prepared by David.

8. Finance

Sandra introduced a short financial report. The accounts showed a positive balance of £7537.57 with free reserves of £2659.56. It was agreed that the Trust was therefore in a satisfactory position financially but would require to continue to build up reserves to support future capital projects.

It was noted that final accounts require to be signed off for the AGM . After discussion, several individuals were proposed, and it was agreed they would be approached to see if they would be willing to perform that function.
Sandra would deal with it.

9. Airstrip

It was noted that the proposed meeting had not yet taken place. As the airstrip remains an important element of the Master Plan work, it was acknowledged that progress continues to be made and momentum has been maintained. It was agreed to seek to reconvene a meeting of the Airstrip Working Group either before or after the Regatta, depending on availability.

10. SCOTO Leaflet

A copy of the leaflet which is to be funded by our NHI grant was circulated. This has been developed and printed by Plockton & District Tourist Association. The meeting agreed the leaflet was attractive. Some questions relating to the content were noted which will be shared with PDTA.

Next meeting Tuesday 7 July 2026